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In re Application of:)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR   )
     FORMING GLASS COILED TUBE   )
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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

In claim 1, delete the words "desired shape" in lines 4 and 6 of paragraph a, and add: <u>essentially conical shape near the second end</u> after the word 'an' in line2, and in paragraph b, line 2 add the word <u>stationary</u> before 'block' and add the words <u>having an angular face causing movement of</u> after the word 'block', and delete in line 2 the words "for moving", and add the word <u>direct</u> after the word "in" in line for of paragraph b, so that Claim 1 reads as set forth in the attached Marked Up Version Showing Changes and the attached Clean Version.

In claim 2, line 4, delete the words "a desired shape" and delete the word "it" and "desired shape in line 5, and add after the word 'having' in line 2 the words <u>an essentially conical shape near the second end</u>, and add the words <u>the mandrel</u> after the word 'around' in line 4 and add the words <u>the mandrel</u> after the words 'about the' in line 5; in paragraph b, line 2, add the words <u>without other external means</u> after the word 'move', and in line 5

delete ": With" and insert in its place <u>with</u>; the entire revised claim 2 should read as set forth in the attached Marked Up Version showing changes, and the attached Clean Version.

In claim 3, delete the ":" in line 1 and delete the paragraph heading marker "a", replace "An" with <u>an</u>; add, after 'bar' in line 1, the words <u>attached to the second end of the mandrel near at the end of the conical portion and</u>; the claim 3 as amended reads as set forth in the attached Marked Up Version Showing changes, and the Clean Version, also attached.

In claim 5, delete in line 1 "hook" and replace with <u>attachment</u>; claim 5 will read as shown in the attached Marked Up Version Showing Changes and the attached Clean Version.

The Marked Up Version and the Clean Version are incorporated by reference herein.